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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	US 5,606,690 (HUNTER et al) 25 February 1997 (25.02.1997), Abstract; column 4, lines 31-36; column 7, lines 27-50; column 8, lines 13-45; column 14, lines 41-67; column 15, lines 10-52; column 16, lines 30-39; column 17, lines 12-45; column 20, lines 48-67; column 21, lines 1-44; and column 22, lines 29-67.	1-6
Y	US 4,450,520 (HOLLAAR et al) 22 May 1984 (22.05.1984), Abstract; column 11, lines 8-39; column 12, lines 10-50; column 13, lines 49-68; column 15, line 62 through column 16, line 54; and column 18, lines 13-53.	1-6

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